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Financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. By its resolution 58/259 of 23 December 2003, the General Assembly decided to appropriate the amount of $59,038,300 for the maintenance of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, in addition to the amount of $582 million already appropriated and apportioned for the same period under the terms of resolution 57/335 of 18 June 2003. On the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the additional amount of $59 million was not assessed on Member States on the understanding that the Advisory Committee would review the situation at the time of its consideration of the estimates for the 2004/05 period.

2. As indicated in the note by the Secretary-General on the financial arrangements for MONUC (A/58/772), it is anticipated that the Mission will fully utilize the amount of $641,038,300 appropriated by the General Assembly for the maintenance of the Mission. The projected full utilization is attributable primarily to the full deployment of military contingents. The Secretary-General therefore requests apportionment of the additional $59,038,300 in order to ensure the timely reimbursement of troop-contributing Governments and the payment of mission subsistence allowance to military observers, civilian police and international civilian staff, as well as to meet payroll costs and contractual obligations for the acquisition of equipment and for services rendered to MONUC.

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3. The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of MONUC for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 is indicated in paragraph 5 of the aforementioned note by the Secretary-General. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the amount of $59,038,300 be assessed and apportioned among Member States.**